

HOUSE BILL 574
By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicle rental agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated chapter.

§55-27-101. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Motor vehicle rental agency" means any person organized for the purpose of or engaging in the practice of renting or leasing motor vehicles to consumers for any period typically not in excess of ninety (90) days. The provision of a company owned or leased vehicle to an employee, contractor or agent from a registered fleet of vehicles shall not qualify such person as a motor vehicle rental agency.

(2) "Person" means any individual, association, company, partnership, corporation, or other business entity.

(3) "Photo I.D." means any valid, government-issued identification card or document containing a consumer's photograph and identifying information, including but not limited to a driver license.

§55-27-102. A motor vehicle rental agency shall not require any consumer to provide a social security number as a prerequisite to renting or leasing a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle rental agency may require a consumer to provide a valid photo I.D.; provided, however, the motor vehicle rental agency shall not make a photocopy of any photo I.D. containing a social security number or otherwise make any record of a consumer's social security number. A motor vehicle rental agency may photocopy or

otherwise record a photo I.D. that does not contain a social security number or may record information contained on a photo I.D., other than a social security number.

§55-27-103. A violation of this chapter is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per occurrence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.